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SUBJECT: ROK MINISTER KIM CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY

ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY
SEPTEMBER 17 ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR KIM AND COUNSELOR
LEE SANG OK. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER ATTENDED
FOR EA.

1. KIM TAE CHUNG AFFAIR

ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED US CONCERN IN CONNECTION
WITH THE DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE KIM TAE CHUNG
INCIDENT AND SAID HE HOPED THE MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED
SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND KOREA.

MINISTER KIM THEREUPON GAVE A RUNDOWN OF EXCHANGES
BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE ROKG SINCE KIM TAE CHUNG REAPPEARED
IN SEOUL. ONLY NEW ELEMENT WAS MINISTER'S MENTION OF
REPORTS HE SAID AVAILABLE THAT MORNING THAT KANAYAMA NOW
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IN SEOUL ON "UNOFFICIAL" MISSION. KANAYAMA HE SAID, IS

OLD FRIEND AND FAVORABLY KNOWN IN KOREA. MINISTER KIM STRESSED NEED FOR COOLING-OFF PERIOD, HAVING PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED BOTH GOJ AND ROKG WAIT UNTIL INVESTIGATION COMPLETED BY BOTH SIDES. KIM ALSO NOTED THAT ROKG HAS NO TREATY WITH GOJ (REQUIRING RETURN OF KOREANS TO JAPAN), AND THAT TANAKA STATEMENT TO DIET VIEWED AS MODERATE,

INDICATING CONTINUING GOJ SUPPORT FOR KOREA. ACTING SECRETARY REASSERTED "OUR GREAT CONCERN IS DETERIORATION OF ROK RELATIONS WITH JAPAN". THE MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED SNEIDER'S REMINDER THAT IT IS KOREA'S BEST FRIENDS, NAMELY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND JAPANESE POLICE, THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE KTC CASE. HOWEVER, MINISTER KIM AGAIN STATED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE A COOLING-OFF PERIOD.

2. UN DEBATE.

MINISTER KIM SAID THE ROK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE UN DEBATE IN NOVEMBER RATHER THAN OCTOBER. HE REGARDS AS ILLOGICAL SOME ASPECTS OF OPPOSITION ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND THE ROK NEEDS TIME TO EXAMINE IT AND TALK TO ALL NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. KIM ASSESSED RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE AS VASCILLATING AND THOUGHT ITS POSITION MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE IDENTICAL TO NORTH KOREA'S; ALTHOUGH FRANCE PLAYED RATHER INACTIVE ROLE LAST YEAR ON POSTPONEMENT KOREAN QUESTION, IT IS NOW SHOWING FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ROK POSITION, ONLY PROBLEM IS AFRICAN COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF PRC INFLUENCE THERE. HOWEVER, PRC IS IN A "MOST COMFORTABLE" POSITION WITH THE US, MORE COMFORTABLE THAN WITH RUSSIA OR JAPAN. HE URGED THAT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER TALK TO CHOU-EN-LAI.

3. ROK FOREIGN RELATIONS

MINISTER KIM THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF US INSTRUCTED ALL POSTS TO SUPPORT KOREA IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. INDONESIA HAS AGREED ORALLY TO ELEVATE ROK CONSULATE TO EMBASSY STATUS BUT CONVESSION HAS TO AWAIT WRITTEN AUTHORITY FROM SUHONVO. H

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ADDED THAT INDIA WANTS TO ELEVATE ROK CONSULATE TO EMBASSY STATUS. AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO SWEDEN AND CHILE ARE INTENDED AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. THE MINISTER THEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WILL CONVEY TO BHUTTO THE ROK'S DESIRE TO UPGRADE ITS RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

4. PL 480

MINISTER KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY OUR EMBASSY
THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AVAILABILITY UNDER PL 480. HE
SAID THAT OF \$1B8 MILLION AGREED SUPPLY ONLY 20 HAS
BEEN RECEIVED. MATTER ALSO DISCUSSED BY FINANCE MINISTER
NAM WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND STEIN IN TOKYO.
ACTING SECRETARY SAID PL 480 AVAILABILITY IS A VERY

DIFFICULT PROBLEM. WHILE WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN, WE
CANNOT HOLD OUT ANY REAL HOPE FOR ADEQUATE SUPPLY.
AMBASSADOR KIM VOLUNTEERED THAT ONE MORE MONTH WOULD BE
REQUIRED TO SEE THE PL 480 PROBLEM IN ITS PROPER CONTEXT
AND HE REQUESTED FULL CONSIDERATION BY THE US. RUSH

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